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The Chief of the Oficina de Tributación Directa, the Internal Revenue office of Costa Rica, stated that revenue on the ten per cent tax on capital, instituted by the Figueres government, had fallen far short of the estimated receipts. The tax deadline was 30 November, but on that date only 3,375 returns had been received which showed a taxable net greater than the minimum non-taxable 50,000 colones, while more than 15,000 returns had been received showing less than this amount. 25X1A6a

Comment. Although exact financial data are not available, it is known that the budget was calculated on a basis of receipt of 32,000,000 colones from the capital tax. The actual amount received to date does not exceed 10,000,000 colones. A deficit of this size could precipitate a financial crisis, and it is a safe prediction that the economic and financial measures of the immediate future will be concerned with the problem.)

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